

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, October 7, 2019

Present: Charles Fletcher (Vice Chairman), Robert Benton, Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, Joey Ellzey, David Eslinger, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Karyn Page, Brent Wooten.

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager, Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties and Contracts Manager; Kriscia Palacios, Clerk.

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Brian Strunk, Midwest Corporate Aviation

Vice Chairman Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Greenlee to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

The Director asked Valerie Wise to speak on her recent trip to Las Vegas for the Annual Allegiant Airport Conference – Valerie said the trip was a great opportunity to discuss the possibility of more destinations in the future. The August passenger traffic was another record-setting month, mostly due to the new Frontier service. Passenger traffic is up by 7%.

Friday October 18th, the Honor Flight returns to Wichita on Southwest and arrives around noon.

The Chamber hosted an Exposure event at Century II on September 19th. The Chamber donated a booth for the I Fly Wichita initiative, Airport staff assisted with getting people to take a survey – over 200 surveys were completed that day.

KDOT has been holding long-range-planning meetings around the U.S. to discuss projects and ideas. Valerie attended one of the meetings recently and gave a three minute pitch regarding transportation growth in Wichita.

The need for a Customs facility at the Airport has been brought up. The Airport is looking into whether there is a demand for International travel in the future, as well as, funding opportunities for this project.

Next, the Director asked Traci to talk about her upcoming trip to Las Vegas for the NBAA conference, where over 1000 exhibitors from all over the world will be in attendance from October 21st to October 25th.

A new Wheelchair Service company took over Gateway. G2 Secure will now be servicing Southwest Airlines.

Brad Christopher spoke about the Frequent Parking Program, where passengers can redeem points for free parking. A Splash commercial as well as advertising is already out. There is also a phone application for users.

No action has been taken on the new Wichita Airport Hotel lease as staff is awaiting a response from the DoubleTree regarding its Right of First Refusal for the project.

No action has been taken on the Clemens lease.

Ortega Aviation has already conducted their first class. An Open House will be held on Saturday October 26th, for the opening of the new flight academy.

The Airport is hosting a United Way Fundraiser on October 11th, which will have games, raffles as well as a Barbecue.

Jean Zoglman gave a Power Point presentation on the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Rates and Charges.

Leasing Policy Updates & Revisions

The Director reviewed the previously discussed Airport Leasing Policies and Procedures and the recommended changes. Among other items that were modified since last month, the document will now be called "Leasing Guidelines Manual."

Motion for approval by Mr. Davis, 2nd by Mr. Benton, all in favor.

Project Updates

John Oswald gave a Power Point presentation on project updates.

Other Business

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. by Ms. Page, 2nd by Mr. Bonnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Kriscia Palacios, Clerk